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Breaking Ground



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THE MISSOULANTHROPE

Scheid's school of safe cycling
By Conrad Scheid

Drivers in Missoula love to complain about road conditions, but let's get real: If you travel on anything other than four wheels, you're the redheaded stepchild of the commuter world.

This is especially true now as the gravel that provided traction a week ago has been cleared out of the path of drivers and into the paths of cyclists.

It's nothing new, though. When the snow was coming down, bike lanes were the first piece of infrastructure left to the wayside. Drivers, without the guiding presence of paint strips, quickly re-defined their lanes as they damn well pleased, forcing bikers to either occupy the same narrow stretch of clear road or take to the sidewalk.

Of course, cyclists aren't free of blame in the eternal conflict between road warriors and chain-gangers. We've been known to contract multiple personality disorder, constantly changing distinction between pedestrian and vehicle to follow the path of least resistance.

Cyclists also have a well-deserved reputation of letting loose their rage at the slightest provocation. I vividly remember watching a poorly-timed left turn transform into a mid-intersection berating that endangered both driver and cyclist.

But it's important to remember that bikers have a lot more at stake during their morning commute than the average driver. Whether because it's more affordable, efficient or they just don't own a car, bike commuters put their lives on the line every time they hit the road. That's something you gotta respect.

So here's a few tips gathered from common sense and hundreds of miles to help us all get along.

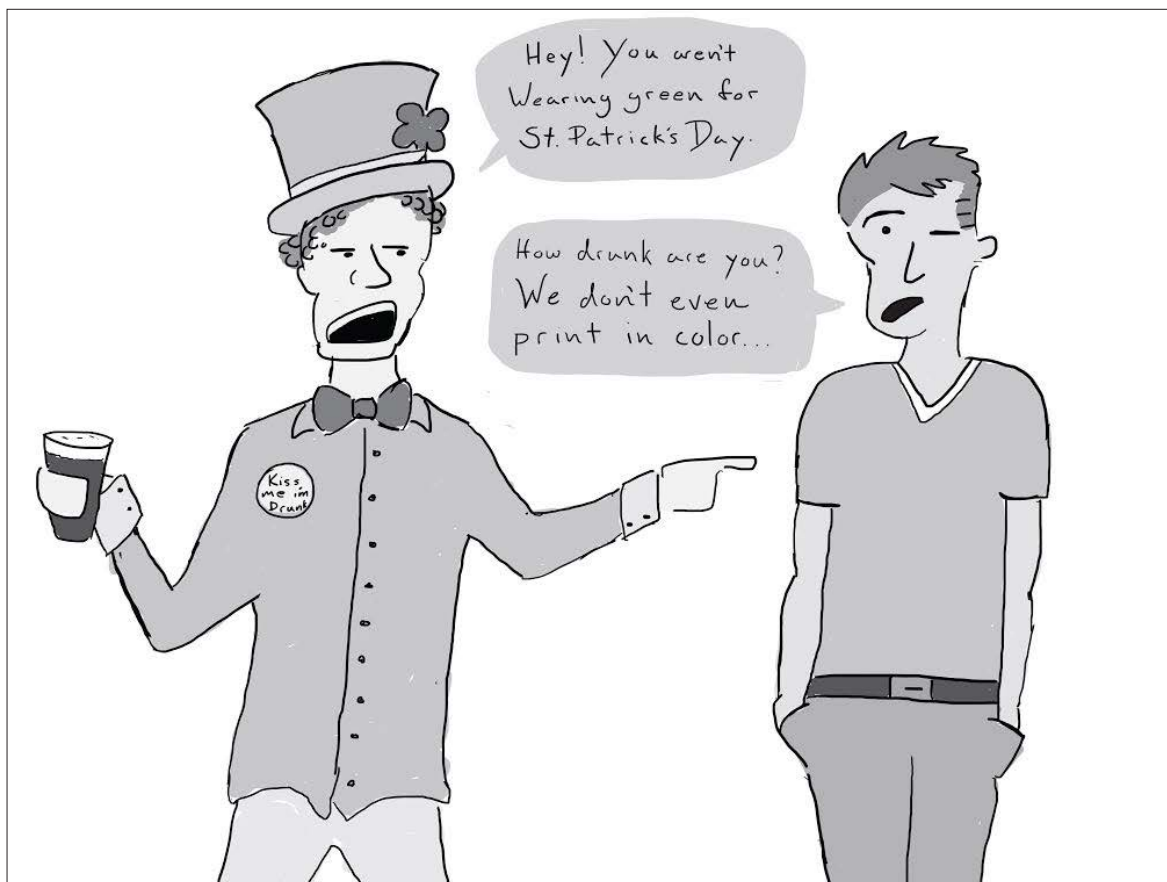
Cyclists: You are considered a vehicle. One with its own special lanes on occasion, but a vehicle nonetheless. This means obeying boring stuff like traffic signals and right-of-way. Yes, we're supposed to stop for pedestrians too.

And if you're on a road without a bike lane (I'm looking at you, Brooks Street), don't take the sidewalk. You're just making yourself less visible and more at risk. If you're timid about the cars zooming past right next to you, then occupy the whole lane. They'll honk, but it's your right. Oh, and use a light.

Cars: When a biker sticks a hand out, that means a turn and merge. Please don't run them over. In fact, it'd be nice if you slowed down and actually cooperated with them rather than screeching past to save an extra 3.2 seconds. Check your mirror before you turn right, especially at night. And if you and a biker are both turning right on a red, don't cut them off.

But most importantly, if you've got the right-of-way, don't stop for us bikers. Remember, we're vehicles too. It's our job to wait until it's our turn. And if you see someone who's not doing that, feel free to honk as much as you want.

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BIG UPS | BACKHANDS

Big ups to Juan Pablo for acting like a real life bachelor.

Backhands to Obama for his "meh" appearance on "Between Two Ferns." The President of the United States was upstaged by a Canadian's. Yeah, that makes us look great.

Big ups to Montana's Tea Party for running at least eight legislative candidates as Democrats. Way to be an ass.

Backhands the pygmy Tyrannosaurus rex discovered in Alaska. Why should something that sounds so adorable be so deadly????!!!!???

Big ups to The Daily Evergreen sex columnist for writing an entire column about anal sex. Way to go with the "The Road Not Taken" reference. We would've gone with "Brown Eyed Girl."

Backhands to pimps for a change.

CORRECTION:

In an article published Thursday, March 13, the Kaimin incorrectly spelled the name of Terry Payne, who is slated to receive an honorary doctorate at May's graduation ceremony.

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Faculty, staff donate to UM

Katheryn Houghton
Montana Kaimin

Faculty and staff donated \$17.5 million to the University of Montana last year, and the school is hoping that participation grows.

Ronald Premuroso, an associate professor of accounting, announced the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign at Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting. Employees can take a payroll deduction, write a check or swipe their cards to donate money to UM.

"It is not about how much you give," Premuroso said. "As a university, it is a way to represent ourselves to the students and community and a way to set an example to our students that giving back is important."

So far, 100 UM employees have donated and designated what part of the school their cash will go to, Premuroso said. Of the money provided last year

by 15 percent of the University's employees, \$3.5 million went to scholarships and awards throughout the University. Another \$6.5 million went to core academics.

"Fundraising is going very well right now in a lot of parts within the University and we are proud of that," Provost Perry Brown said.

Brown said a benefactor has doubled their donation, which will now total \$6 million for scholarships. Brown also said UM has announced a new scholarship program in the School of Law for roughly \$800,000, and a new professorship in forestry for \$1.5 million.

The Washington Foundation recently gave \$2.4 million for extending EdReady to the entire state, a program that supports students who do not meet University mathematical requirements, Brown said. The program

aims to raise students' math scores so they can qualify for a college-level course instead of a developmental course, making graduation more likely.

Faculty Senate Chair Liz Putnam said another way for the University to find funding is to define new measurements for the performance-based funding UM receives from the state.

A series of forums will be held the next two weeks to decide how performance should be defined — whether by enrollment or graduation rates, for example. The first meeting will be held Friday, March 21 in UC 327 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"We want to have the opportunities to really discuss this with people around campus," she said. "We want to ensure the measures we are taking won't have negative effects on what we do here, which is education."

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The Kaimin Files digs up stories that shaped the University of Montana in decades past.

Compiled by Alexander Deedy

= 1904 =

The editorial in the monthly issue urged the University to adopt a governing student body that could be considered a precursor to ASUM. The committee would be comprised of the president, a member of the faculty, a member from each branch of student activity and an alumnus.

Notes on different University societies included a

Shakespeare club, a mechanical engineers' association, the fraternity Eta Phi Mu and two literary societies. These were the only student groups at the time.

= 1964 =

The Kaimin published a satirical paper for its last issue of the third quarter. The paper included articles joking that only students with grade point averages above 3.0 would be allowed in nuclear fallout shelters, an interview with "President Limber Johnson" and a five o'clock shadow award given to the current Montana governor for media attention about growing a beard.

Soda machines were installed in then-all women's dorms Knowles and Brantly Halls. The picture shows a woman approaching a vending machine-like dispenser, sticking a paper cup under the faucet and pushing a button to receive her soda.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Set count
5 Ally of Sun
11 Relocation aid
14 Unrestrainedly
15 Divulges
16 As per
17 Liner with Intel inside?
19 One may be flipped
20 When many night visions occur?
21 Revealing garb
22 Nylon notable?
25 Bag
29 High mountain
30 "Yikes!"
31 Lock
34 "Gerontion" poet's monogram
37 Get one's kicks in a painful way?
41 Rush participant's prize
42 Fields
43 Give for a while
44 Music-licensing org.
45 Meshes
47 Principal plant?
53 Playground bouncer
54 Like some important letters
59 Pay stub?
60 Surprise the neighborhood?
62 Take home
63 University of Minnesota mascot Goldy
64 Unsigned, briefly
65 Private
66 Professorial duds
67 Numerous

DOWN

1 Scrape
2 Mideast VIP
3 sci
4 Take from the top
5 Dress
6 '20s-'30s skating gold medalist
7 Personal answer

By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter 3/14/14

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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*is your biggest health concern stress?
*do you sleep poorly?
*have you been sick a lot this year?
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QUEEN OF THE FOOD COURT

Courtney Anderson

Montana Kaimin

You walk up to the counter, hand the cashier your money and go about your day. But who was that cashier?

In the University Center Food Court, that person might be Barb Maier. Throughout the week, Maier can be found ringing up orders and striking up conversations with customers.

"(The people) are the reason why I get up in the morning, smile and say, 'Oh hey, how are you doing? You know that test you just blew? Ah, it's OK you'll make it up tomorrow.' Or, 'You know that test you're going to take? You're going to ace it,'" she said.

Maier worked at Missoula College's dining services for about 12 years. She moved to the University's main campus last spring.

Maier said she can tell exactly what some students are going to pick.

"When I was out at (Missoula College) I use to tell people I had 300 kids, and coming over here the numbers have expanded a bit, but you know it's essentially the same thing. These are my people," she said.

However, Maier's history in Missoula started long before this job.

"I was born and raised here. I'm a St. Pat's baby, and a bazillion years ago I came with Lake Missoula," Maier said.

Maier has been a part of UM Dining throughout her life.

"For me it's just fun. I grew up in dining services," she said. "My dad worked for the University and retired from dining services, so I essentially grew up around here because he spent 30 years here."

Maier's said her sister worked for dining services when she graduated high school as well.

"A lot of older employees have retired, so it's part of seeing that change and seeing it stay the same," she said. "I guess for me it's kind of fun to say, 'Oh hey I'm second generation,' and we also have third generation here because my son works for dining services, too."

Ray Merseal, the Food Court manager, grew up in the same neighborhood as Maier and they continue to banter in a friendly manner.

"You know we grew up in a time where neighborhoods and everybody correlated within families, and he was the runt at the end so he's easy pickins," Maier said while working with Merseal on Thursday.

Merseal laughed and said,

"She reminds me of it every day, in a good way."

Merseal started working for the Food Court in 2007 and said he was surprised to see Maier when she joined the team.

"He thought that somebody got rid of me a long time ago but I fooled him, didn't I?" Maier said.

They were both working when UM went on lockdown in February. Maier, who was outside on a break, got locked out.

"It was only a matter of minutes, but I teased (Merseal) and said that he tried to shove me out the door and leave me in the snow storm," she said.

Merseal said the crew and the students handled the situation well.

"It's about putting the guests and students first, that's really what it's all about," Merseal said.

Maier agreed and said it's the people that fuel her passion for the job.

"I just like to have fun and be able to joke with people and make them smile and be happy because if you're not, what's the point of getting up," Maier said. "If you're going to be grouchy at people that's not good. Just wake up and have fun and feed me lots of coffee!"

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Breakdown: UM professors

by sex and race

Infographic by James Alan Rolph

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Full-time professors by sex

TENURED
MALE
326

TENURED
FEMALE
203

UNTENURED
FEMALE
35

UNTENURED
MALE
60

Full-time tenured professors by race

ASIAN
17

WHITE
470

HISPANIC
11

MULTIRACIAL
9

UNKNOWN
6

NONRESIDENT
ALIEN
4

NATIVE
AMERICAN/
ALASKA NATIVE
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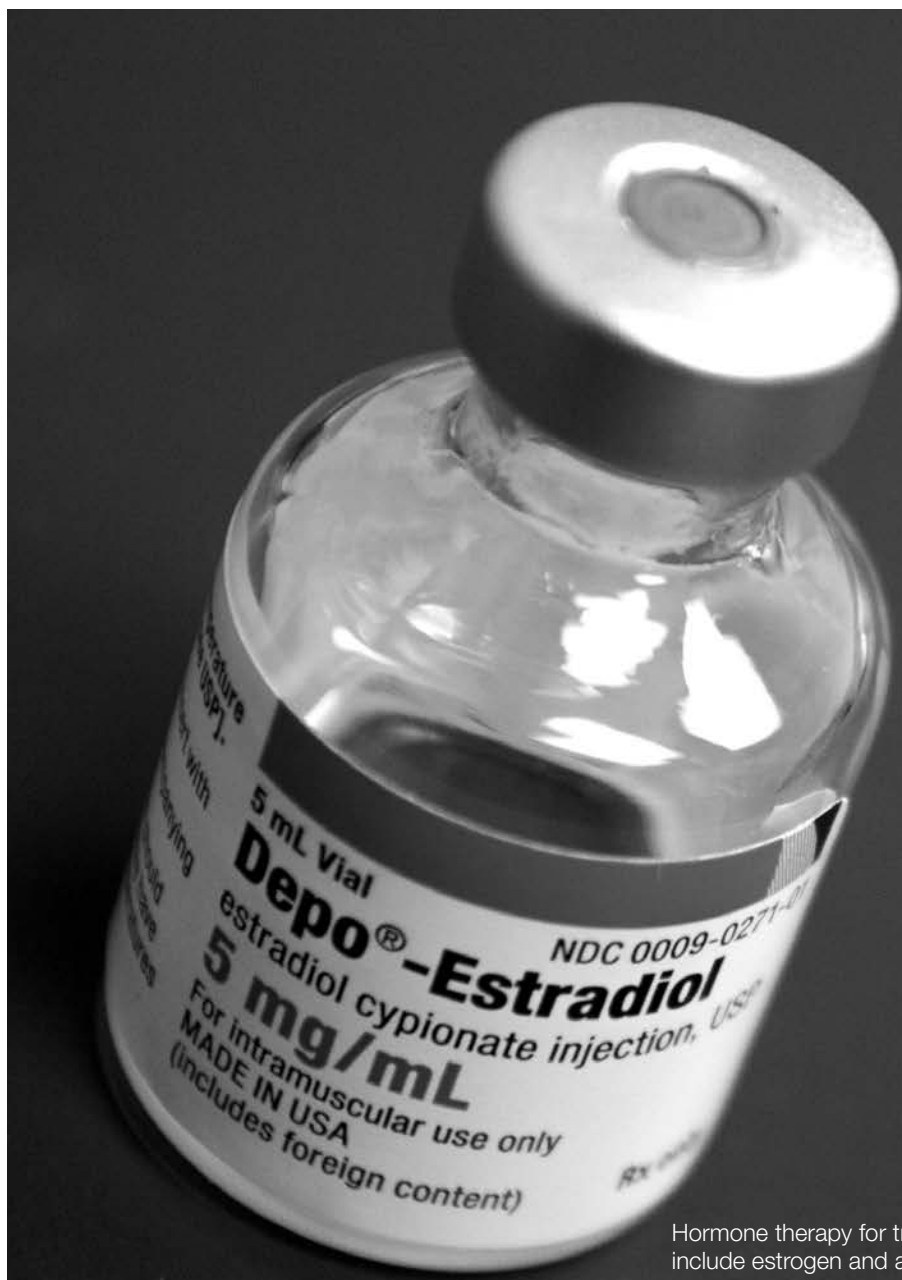
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Breaking Ground

Montana's transgender community faces a high suicide rate, but transition offers promise

Story by Megan Marolf

Photos by Gracie Ryan



Hormone therapy for transgender women can include estrogen and anti-androgen medications. Depo-Estradiol is an estrogen product.

He left his brother's house party alone on the warm October night. As he stumbled on the sidewalks in a neighborhood between Bozeman and Belgrade, images of the night churned in his head.

At first, he didn't have a plan. He had just made a fool of himself as the drunk one at the Halloween party and needed to get away.

A thought occurred to him — the interstate was less than half a mile ahead. Four lanes separated him from the Bridger Mountains, their rounded peaks piled against each other on the horizon. At their base, illuminated dots moved forward — cars following the 75 mph speed limit, although he couldn't hear them yet. To the southwest, the Madison Mountains inched further behind.

Two days before he had interviewed with an electrical union in Helena after losing his electrician apprenticeship. Getting the job would mean job security and benefits.

But he blew the interview.

Worries about the future had piled up, so he decided to leave them for a while and play bartender.

"YOU! You need a drink!" He pointed at his next custom-

er. Six cases, 72 bottles of liquor, wine and champagne covered the kitchen counter.

He had made a few drinks for himself in between serving others; the usual mixer made with two to six shots of liquor.

People began to notice how much he was drinking. A few of them asked if everything was OK. That's when his brother asked to speak with him in the backyard. He wanted an explanation for the drinking and shouting.

The Bridger Mountains moved closer as he recalled their conversation.

"You're never going to understand," he said to his brother.

"Try me."

"I really like lesbians, and I don't really know what that means. So I guess I think I'm a girl," he said.

"No, no. You can't be a girl," his brother said.

His secret was out and his brother didn't believe him. But it didn't matter.

His gait turned into a run as he headed for I-90. The more he remembered, the faster his feet hit the pavement.

He would throw himself into the grill of a semi, he thought.

Bree Sutherland stands behind a desk in her office, cutting shapes out of construction paper. The shapes will form centerpieces for the Black and White Ball, a fundraiser for the Western Montana Community Center.

She wears a brown shirt and jeans that hang straight from the hips. Small, silver hoops poke out of her brown hair. Her voice rises and falls in every sentence, pausing often.

The last thing Sutherland remembers from that last of seven suicide attempts is her brother pulling up beside her, forcing her out of the dark dream and into the car before she could reach I-90.

Sutherland is a transgender woman.

The last attempt to kill herself scared her more than the others because nothing in her conscience held back. Now she avoids contemplating the other scenario — what would've happened if her brother hadn't showed up.

"Missoula was kind of a saving grace for me. When I first started transitioning, I thought I was all alone," she says.

But Sutherland built a network of friends around the transgender community when she came to Missoula.

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Bree Sutherland

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Gracie Ryan/Montana Kaimin

Guest speaker Shane Vannatta shares his coming out story with UM's Lambda Alliance group, while Lambda President Caleb Boelman (middle) and other members listen.



Gracie Ryan/Montana Kaimin

A Curry Health Center nurse helps Anita Green prepare her hormone injection. Green gets injections every three to four weeks.

Hayley Allen-Blakney, a licensed clinical social worker, worked with transgender youth through the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative from 2009 to 2013. Blakney now directs an outpatient mental health clinic in New Mexico.

Blakney said society plays a role in the transgender community's high suicide rates, since not enough community outreach exists to show being transgender is OK.

"I think it has to do with not having your inner experience ever be validated," she said.

Suicidal thoughts result from feeling isolated and not connected in general — feelings which amplify for transgender people, she said.

In her teens, Sutherland would drive from her hometown of Kalispell to Missoula to watch drag shows. After completing an associate's degree in Kalispell, she moved to Missoula in 2009 and graduated from the University of Montana with a double major in psychology and social work in 2011.

Now 28 years old, Sutherland directs the Gender Expansion Project, an organization that advocates for gender

equality and education. She commits around 50 unpaid hours a week to the nonprofit.

Along with volunteering for organizations such as Women's Resource Center, Diversity Advisory Council and Montana Pride Network, Sutherland spends the other 50 hours of the week at her paid job, working with developmentally delayed sex offenders. She became an activist after surviving suicide attempts and says she'll do anything to make others' lives easier than hers.

"I never want people to feel the pain I felt, and I know that so many people do," Sutherland said.

She plans to spend the rest of her life being an activist in the transgender community, preventing what she had to go through before her transition.

The bullying started in first grade.

Out of all the kids at school, Sutherland could only call two of them friends.

Nothing explained the lack of identity or sense of not belonging in her youth.

"I assumed there was something wrong with me, and it turned me into thinking I was

a freak."

Sutherland attempted suicide for the first time in second grade. It's a memory she avoids discussing today.

After second grade, Sutherland was placed in a school replacement mental health program for the next year-and-a-half.

In public school, Sutherland made an effort to socialize, but attempts to make friends turned awkward. The lack of confidence showed through every move.

"The thing to do in grade school is always pick on the people who have no self esteem, because they're the easiest target," she said.

Between second grade and high school, Sutherland attempted suicide four more times in varying degrees. At first, it was scary. But by high school, there was no more fear.

In 2004, Sutherland made a couple of gay friends at Flathead High School and figured that was the solution.

"That's gotta be what's gonna solve everything — I'm gay, that's it," Sutherland said. "And pretty much every step along the way, I was like, this doesn't feel right, I'm not doing this

right.

"I don't know how you do your sexuality right."

Sutherland thought maybe with the right guy, the feelings of depression would subside. The urge to commit suicide would ebb.

And it did on its own, for a while.

That same year, Ezerae Coates started transitioning into a woman.

Coates, now 25, was born and raised in Butte. She drives to Missoula whenever possible to visit friends she met through the Gender Expansion Project and to help Sutherland with LGBT projects and events.

With her mom's consent, Coates started hormone replacement therapy at age 15 and continued increasing her dosage. Male puberty stopped and female puberty took over.

Then one day, her mom picked her up from school and told her some bad news.

"My father said he no longer wanted a relationship with me because he thought I was gay," Coates said.

At the time, it didn't bother her. Life went on, but the resentment she felt toward her dad filtered into relationships.

"I guess, unconsciously, things eat at us more than we realize," Coates said. "I had moments where I broke down."

When she was 19, everything happened at once. Coates and her boyfriend broke up, her mom got sick, and she and her sister stopped talking. Thoughts of suicide were constant before her transition, but she never contemplated how until then.

"I thought about just taking all my pills, or any pills I could find in the house, and just go with it that way," Coates said.

Without her mom's support during her transition, she said she probably would have committed suicide.

A study released in January by the Williams Institute, a think tank at UCLA's School of Law, analyzed the results of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey. Among the survey's 6,000 respondents, those who reported rejection by family members had a 57 percent rate of suicide attempts.

Overall, 41 percent of transgender men and women attempt suicide, compared to 4.6 percent of the overall U.S. population, according to the survey.

Karl Rosston, the state suicide prevention coordinator, said the nature of suicide and its motives make it hard for



Gracice Ryan/Montana Kaimin

Bree Sutherland makes preparations for the 9th annual Black and White Ball in her office on Higgins Avenue on Thursday afternoon. The ball will be held at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

him or anyone to analyze exact causes. Research and studies in suicide prevention, however, point to family issues as common in every demographic, including transgender.

"Especially for (the transgender) population, probably the greatest protective factor that has been shown to reduce suicide is if they have family support," Rosston said. "That can't be stressed enough."

Coates said she was young and naïve and hasn't thought of suicide in a long time. She credits the support of her mom and sister — and therapy — for helping her move on.

Sutherland couldn't turn to family the same way without a reason to explain her pain.

Everything was fine until 2008 when the economy crashed.

Living with her parents in Kalispell, Sutherland took evening classes at Flathead Valley Community College and worked an apprenticeship as an electrician during the day.

"I was sane. I was able to avoid my life enough," Sutherland said.

But the welding job couldn't offer the same hours under a tanking economy. Still, Sutherland held two other jobs and attended school.

Years of working various construction jobs had shaped Sutherland's body. The 22-year-old had a full beard, weighed



Gracie Ryan/Montana Kaimin

Sutherland likes to escape to the roof of her office building whenever she needs a break.

240 pounds and had muscular arms and legs. Even then, the boss at the electrician apprenticeship questioned Sutherland's sexuality.

"I'm pretty sure I got fired for being gay," she says now.

With hours to fill, Sutherland replaced work with drinking. Unhappy thoughts began to slip through the cracks.

"My life just started falling apart, unraveling."

One drunken night, Sutherland Googled "male lesbian." She still remembers the nickname from high school. Suther-

land found a video of a woman talking about the term. The woman said it discriminated against transgender women because their preferred gender identity isn't male.

Something clicked.

"Every YouTube video I watched, it was like the person was telling me my life story," Sutherland remembers.

"I put it away deep in the back of the closet as best I could."

At 12 years old, University of Montana senior Anita Green watched an Oprah show about a transgender woman. Green identified as a transgender person starting then, but not always on the outside.

The Billings native thought she was gay before transitioning to a woman. She grew up liking boys, and still does.

"Once puberty hit, that made everything that I was feeling that much worse," Green said.

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Green had gender dysphoria, a condition where people feel their biological sex doesn't match their identities. Coupled with depression, the gender dysphoria led to thoughts of suicide as a teen in middle school. Whenever those thoughts surfaced, she would think of the utility room, where her dad kept a collection of shotguns locked in a safe. She would try the code from time to

self to stop.

According to the Williams Institute report, 63 to 78 percent of transgender people who experience physical or sexual violence attempt suicide.

Social worker Allen-Blakney said a lack of response to victims of assault may explain the high rates. When dealing with trauma, she said the victim needs to process what happened and know they will somehow receive justice.

'I was finally able to break out of my shell and start to feel comfortable with who I am and who I was.'

Anita Green

time, but the random numbers never opened the door. A fear of blood made other ways too messy.

After graduating from a private Catholic high school, which Green calls "a form of hell," she left Billings for Missoula and completed her freshman year at UM.

As a sophomore, Green transferred to Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She made friends with people at LGBT organizations and events.

"I was finally able to break out of my shell and start to feel comfortable with who I am and who I was," Green said.

Then she came back to Montana to start school at UM, and something happened on a Saturday night she says affected her abilities as a student.

Another student punched Green in the eye outside the Elk's Club in April 2012, after the two danced and kissed. The man, Obioha Onwubiko, was charged with assault later that year. Green won a restraining order against Onwubiko who, she says, grabbed her crotch before hitting her. The sexual assault charge in the case was dropped.

After the case, Green said she needed more time to do homework because of her depression and asked professors to give her leeway on due dates. For the next six months, Green cut herself. But from her past experience with contemplating suicide, she knew it'd be hard to come out of a second attempt. She forced her-

"I think in a lot of cases, the opposite has happened for transgender people when they are violated," Blakney said.

Green went back to therapy and had supportive friends, but that alone didn't stop her addiction to cutting.

"In the end, you're the only one who can make you feel better," she said.

Through research Sutherland started four years ago with the Gender Expansion Project, she estimates around 800 transgender people live in Missoula County — 0.007 percent of the population. According to the Williams Institute, transgender men and women make up 0.3 percent of the U.S. population.

In January 2009, Sutherland began living full-time as a woman.

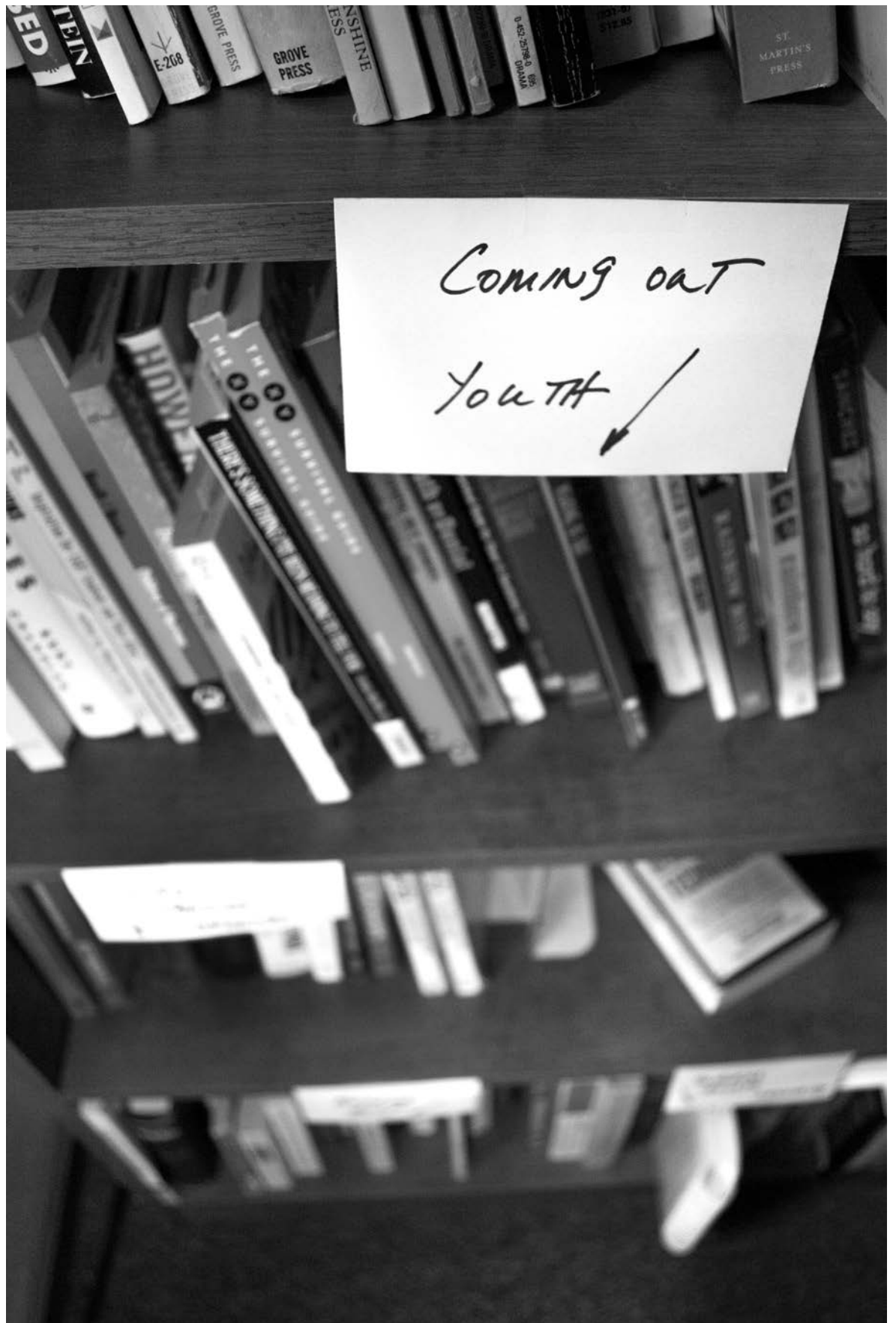
"I came out to everyone and, after that, I just kinda started living life," she said.

For the next two-and-a-half years, Sutherland quit drinking and threw herself into school and transgender outreach.

In 2012 she had gender reassignment surgery.

Some studies and surveys found rates of suicide attempts decrease after gender transition, according to the Williams Institute study.

Allen-Blakney said being viewed by society in the same way the individual sees themselves may explain why the rates drop after transition.



Gracie Ryan/Montana Kaimin

Sutherland's office is filled with books on a variety of topics including coming out, lesbian feminism and more.

Now Sutherland drinks in moderation and uses her double minor in nonprofit administration and women's and gender studies to run the GEP.

President of UM Lambda, Caleb Boelman, works with Sutherland through the LGBT rights group and describes her as "the root of the transgender community."

"Her knowledge and understanding of both the medical and legal side of transgender is the best I have ever talked to in any LGBT circle I swim in and have been a part of," Boelman said.

Lambda works with organizations such as the Western Montana Community Center and Montana Gay Men's Task Force to provide awareness and social support for LGBT stu-

dents. Boelman said people like himself who receive more acceptance in the Missoula community need to push for transgender equality.

"No group should be saying how a minority lives or deciding their rights for them," he said.

While he may not be able to help with the emotional aspects of transitioning, Boelman said Lambda and its members can ensure human rights are upheld for transgender people. The student group helped to pass the Missoula anti-discrimination ordinance in 2010, which protects against discrimination in housing and employment for members of the LGBT community.

Boelman said the ordinance gives LGBT people job security and sets the bar for future

changes, but more needs to be done. He said within the group, they can be cliquey and closed off from the rest of the community.

"We still have a long ways to go, and we need to all work together to get there," Boelman said.

Transgender people, he said, face the same issues gay people did 20 years ago when they couldn't hold hands walking down the street. By being a gay white man, he holds a place of privilege in the LGBT community. A privilege transgender people have yet to experience.

"The transgender community breaks grounds just by being themselves," Boelman said.

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HERITAGE

Butte, America: St. Patrick's Day destination

Why, how to use ancient saints as an excuse to skip class, get wasted

Megan Petersen

Montana Kaimin

Lots of people will pretend to be Irish on Monday, but everybody will get drunk. St. Patrick's Day is here.

The holiday celebrates St. Patrick, who legend says chased the snakes off the island of Ireland in the 4th Century. Ireland never had snakes, but don't let logic ruin your green beer drinking plans. St. Patrick was, in fact, a real person and is an actual saint, so you can celebrate his life and death without feeling too guilty.

The real story of St. Patrick is this: He was a relatively well-off British kid who the Irish kidnapped and enslaved as a young man. God came to him in a dream and told him to escape back to Britain, where he studied to be a priest. The Church stationed him in none other than Ireland, where he played an important role in the spread of Christianity, using the shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity.

So that's why you wear green on March 17 every year, and that's why they make shamrock-print t-shirts. The holiday has been official since the early 1600s, and has been especially popular among Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Lutheran cultures and communities. And, obviously, Irish people.

Historically, Montana has had a large population of Irish-Americans, thanks largely to the copper mining industry in Butte and railroad construction across the state. Some even consider Butte, America, to be the fifth Irish province, and the city has become a St. Patrick's Day destination.

Butte-Silver Bow County Undersheriff George Skuletich said the city's population swells every year when March 17 comes around.

"There will be between 5,000 and 10,000 extra people uptown," Skuletich said.

More people means more crime for Butte — Skuletich said in the past his officers have arrested between 30-70 people on St. Patrick's Day, while they bring in an average of three on any other night.



Gracie Ryan/Montana Kaimin

Sean Kelly's employee Chelsi Rife takes stock of the restaurant's St. Patrick's Day decorations Thursday afternoon in preparation for the holiday.

"It's certainly busy for us, but it's not too bad," he said. "We get nothing but praise."

Skuletich said 90 percent of people are friendly, because Butte likes St. Patrick's Day, maybe more than any other city in the state. And this year, the fact that the holiday falls on a Monday isn't going to dull the party — it will just make it longer.

Street vendors will set up shop on Main Street in Uptown Butte on Saturday afternoon, and the 41st annual Shillelagh Shindig starts off the shenanigans at the Star Lanes Event Center on Saturday night with a raffle and auction.

Sunday, March 16, is dedicated to a fictional, lesser-known saint called St. Urho, who is said to have driven all the grasshoppers out of ancient Finland. In the old days, Butte had a significant Finnish community, so the city doesn't let that celebration slide by without notice either. The Crowning of St. Urho will be at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the Helsinki Yacht Club, where a half-Finnish man and woman are crowned St. and Lady Urho and given pitchforks with grasshoppers impaled on the forks.

When Monday comes, the only things left to do are go to the Saint Patrick's Day parade, which starts at noon in Uptown Butte, and have fun.

"There are no other organized activities on Monday," said Cheryl Ackerman, the front desk manager at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Everybody's just out and about, going to wherever's next ... they go to wherever the green beer is better."

Throughout the weekend the Pipes and Drums of the Edmonton Police Service, a kilted bagpipe and drum band based out of Alberta, will keep the St. Patrick's Day spirit alive with spontaneous performances in bars, on the street and during the parade.

"There's this group of people in kilts with the whole outfit on and the bagpipes and the drums, and they just wander around playing," said Nate McWilliams, a junior studying petroleum engineering at Montana Tech who has

celebrated in Butte for three years. "I'm pretty sure they don't do that everywhere."

New to Butte this St. Patrick's Day is a law against open containers. Butte's Council of Commissioners passed an ordinance in November 2013 banning open containers on the street between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., but Skuletich said until bars close, you're golden.

"During business hours and bar hours, people can walk around with beers or kegs or whatever," Skuletich said. "It won't matter after 2 a.m. because the bars will all be closed."

You probably won't need another beer after the bars close anyway.

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If you're celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Missoula, here's what you can do if you want to risk public drunkenness — I mean celebrate Irish music, culture and food.

Missoula's St. Patrick's Day Events Schedule

Saturday

♣ Run Wild Missoula's Run for the Luck of It: 7-mile race starts at 9 a.m., 5K starts at 9:30 a.m. at Sean Kelly's.

♣ Sean Kelly's St. Patrick's Day Kickoff Block Party: Brunch served 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., beer garden, outside games and live music throughout the afternoon and evening

♣ 2 p.m.: Shakewell with Ticket Sauce Brigade

♣ 5 p.m.: traditional Irish band Cootehill

♣ 8 p.m.: Ted Ness & the Rusty Nails

♣ 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade: starts at noon on Higgins Avenue

♣ Friends of Irish Studies' St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Silent Auction: 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel Edgewater

Monday

♣ Irish Dinner: 4:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Parish Life Center

♣ Monks and the Mothers: 7 p.m. at the Badlander

♣ Pre Fort Treefort Party: 10 p.m. at the VFW



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WE Missoula organizes concerts events for charities

Bjorn Bergeson

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Charities are like janitors. They do the hard, thankless work that nobody really wants to do, and they make the world a better place. They're underpaid, overworked and often ignored. Good charities are like good janitors in that they are nearly invisible. All you see is the finished product. The toilets get cleaned, and people get taken care of, and you? You just go through the world thinking how nice things are.

But charities need help themselves sometimes. Without someone paying attention and lending a hand, a non-profit charity could run out of volunteers or funding, and when that happens it's a lot like losing a good janitor. You start to notice when things aren't running as smooth as they could be.

Enter WE Missoula LLC. WE Missoula is an organization committed to teaming up artists and musicians with charities in the name of fundraising, fun, and communal love and improvement.

"WE pairs charities with artists and musicians and promotes a message of love so Missoula can be a better place that everyone can enjoy," founder Will Peterson said.

A University of Montana student, Peterson started WE Missoula six months ago, and

remains in charge of its operations. Peterson is a senior majoring in marketing and entertainment, with a lot of experience putting together concerts, he said.

"I started a company back in 2011 called the Montana Musicians and Artists Coalition. I did about 95 shows with them, and then I was hired as the concert coordinator at the UM," Peterson said. "I decided I wanted to have a more direct impact on all aspects of the Missoula community by doing benefit concerts."

'Anything you'd ask a friend or neighbor for help with, you can ask Imagine Missoula.'

Nina Alviar

program director

Peterson has friends that worked in the nonprofit world, so contacting charities and getting shows organized wasn't a problem. Since WE Missoula began, the organization has done nine shows, which have raised over \$8,200 for various local charities. Peterson said the work is demanding, but rewarding.

"Right now, the only person who works for the company is me," Peterson said. "I



Stacy Thacker/Montana Kaimin

Willard Peterson, a senior marketing major, is the CEO and founder of WE Missoula LLC. The organization is in its sixth month, but has already raised about \$8,200 for charities in Missoula by putting on concerts for different causes. "This is more directly helping Missoula as a whole," he said.

couldn't do it without all the people helping out."

Imagine Missoula is a charity that does odd jobs for people in need. If someone is unable to mow his or her yard, Imagine Missoula can help with that. Or if they need help moving, Imagine Missoula can help with that too.

"Anything you'd ask a friend, or neighbor for help with, you can ask Imagine Missoula," program director Nina Alviar said.

On Friday night, WE Mis-

soula is hosting a show at the Badlander, designed to raise awareness and funds for Imagine Missoula. There will be live music and information about the local charity and how members of the public can help.

Alviar said Friday night's concert is more of an awareness-building event than a fundraiser. Alviar is hoping Imagine Missoula can expand its volunteer pool.

"Everything we do fits into the volunteer schedule," Alvi-

ar said. "So if there are more people volunteering, we're able to do more things."

The Hasslers, The Boxcutters and Miller Creek perform live Friday, at the Badlander as part of an awareness and benefit show for Imagine Missoula. The show starts at 10 p.m. \$5 at the door, 21 and up. All profits go to helping Imagine Missoula help others. And remember to thank your janitor.

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BASKETBALL

Free throws push Vikings past Griz, 70-63

Andy Bixler
Montana Kaimin

OGDEN, Utah — With less than a minute to play, the Vikings' DaShaun Wiggins drove to the

hoop on the baseline and was fouled on a spinning layup attempt. Just like the rest of the night, the layup went in and Wiggins made the free throw, giving Port-

land State its largest lead of the game and securing its Big Sky Conference Tournament quarterfinal win over Montana, 70-63 on Thursday night at Dee Events Center.

Portland State (17-13, 12-9 BSC) will play No. 2 North Dakota on Friday night. Tip-off is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

The loss dropped Montana to 17-13 overall and likely ended its season and chance at a postseason invitational tournament such as the National Invitation Tournament.

The Vikings hit 18 of 21 free throws in the second half to ice the Grizzlies, who committed 18 fouls in the half.

Senior Kareem Jamar finished with four fouls. Playing in what could be his last game as a Grizzly, Jamar scored 20 points, but made just eight of 18 shots, missing all five of his 3-point attempts.

"I just didn't shoot it well tonight," Jamar said. "It sucks when you know you're supposed to play better, and it's win or go home. That's what hurts the most, that I couldn't play better for my team."

Wiggins hit eight of nine free throws, including five in the final minute. He finished with 18 points.

With 10 minutes remaining in the second half, Mike Weisner swung his elbow after catching a pass and appeared to hit Wiggins in the eye, but no foul was called.

From there, the Vikings went on a tear, scoring 28 points in the final 9 minutes, 30 seconds.

"Sixty-three points is enough to win a game," Tinkle said. "We got out of character."

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Hunter D'Antuono/Montana Kaimin

Griz forward Kareem Jamar looks to score during the second half of Montana's Big Sky Conference Tournament game on Thursday night at Dee Events Center in Ogden, Utah. Jamar finished with 20 points, but No. 5 Portland State upset No. 4 Montana, 70-63.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Griz top Bobcats

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Kellie Cole scored a game-high 20 points and Torry Hill chipped in 16 as the Lady Griz beat the Bobcats, 75-66, Thursday at Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

No. 3 Montana hit 27 of 36 free throws to top the No. 6 Bobcats and advance to the Big

Sky Conference Tournament Semifinals.

Kalli Durham led the Bobcats with 16 points and Ausaha Cole scored 10 points, had nine assists and grabbed six rebounds.

At the end of the first half, the Lady Griz held a commanding 36-14 lead. A 3-pointer by Durham in the second half cut Montana's lead to eight, but

that was as close as the Bobcats would get.

The Lady Griz will play No. 2 Southern Utah at 6:30 p.m. MST on Friday. In the two teams' last meeting, the Thunderbirds beat Montana 67-47.

Fans can watch Friday's game on the mobile app, "Watch Big Sky," or the BSC website for free.

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Montana had fits offensively all night. Besides Jordan Gregory and Jamar, Weisner was the only other player who scored in double-digits.

Junior Keron DeShields, who scored 19 points in the Grizzlies' last game against the Vikings, was limited to just six. Montana's forwards combined for just nine points.

PSU forward Kyle Richard-

son finished with 19 points and five rebounds.

"Obviously, Gregory's a phenomenal shooter, so we didn't want to leave him, and then we switched the on-ball so that takes away a few (3-pointers)," Portland State head coach Tyler Geving said.

The Griz primarily played zone defense, a scheme they have used often this season when trying to contain physical post players such as Richardson.

"What's cost us all year long cost us tonight," Tinkle said. "We forgot about the game plan."

Back-to-back baskets by Weisner in the first half ended a six-point run for the Vikings, which had brought them to within four of the Griz.

Montana led 28-21 with a minute left, but gave up five points to end the half, in-

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